

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants have elected claims 50, 52-53, 55-57, 59-60, 62-64, 66-70, 72-86, drawn to a method of treating, preventing and ameliorating a hepatitis B virus infection, classified in class 424, subclass 227.1, of Group I and the species of AACGTT with traverse. Traversal is on the grounds that a search and examination of the generic claim would not constitute an undue burden.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. Having made this election, Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional or continuation applications on the subject matter of the nonelected claims.

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